

Docket No.: 3079D-0224

PATENT



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Yin-Chul LAI : Confirmation No. 7774
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/825,233 : Group Art Unit: 3724
Filed: April 16, 2004 : Examiner: Edward P. Landrum
For: COMPOSITE TABLEWARE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Under 37 CFR §§1.8(b) and 1.181, applicant hereby petitions to withdraw the Notice of Abandonment mailed November 17, 2006 (copy enclosed). The application was abandoned because the Patent and Trademark Office records indicate that a response to the Office Action dated March 20, 2006 was not filed.

The undersigned, applicant's attorney of record, first became aware of the abandonment on November 20, 2006, upon receiving communication from Applicant inquiring of the status of said application, and submits that this Petition to Withdraw the Notice is being promptly submitted as required by 37 CFR §1.8(b)(1).

The Office Action mailed March 20, 2006, was never received by Applicant's Attorney and therefore, a response was not filed. The Patent Application Information Retrieval system indicates that the Office Action was mailed on March 20, 2006, to an incorrect address. Applicant submits that Applicant's Customer Number was properly identified on Applicant's Application Transmittal filed on April 16, 2004 (copy enclosed). As provided in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, if more than one correspondence address is specified in a single document, the office will establish one as the correspondence address and will use the address

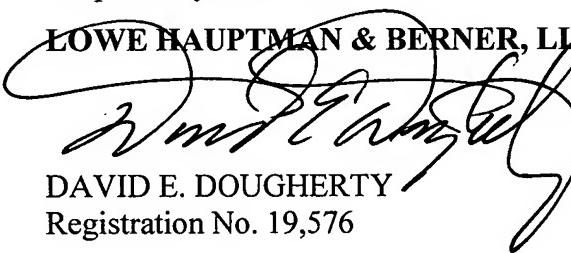
associated with a Customer Number, if given, over a typed correspondence address (MPEP601.03). The Office inadvertently entered the typed correspondence address. It is Applicant's contention that all correspondence is to be associated with Applicant's Customer Number and Applicant's documents were to be mailed to the address associated with Applicant's Customer Number 23338 at the time the Office Action of March 20, 2006 was mailed.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant requests that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn and the provided response to the Office Action dated March 20, 2006 be entered.

Applicant further submits that a Change of Address was submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 13, 2006, now associating all future correspondence with Customer Number 22429.

Respectfully submitted,

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